GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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LNG TERMINAL IN COCHIN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether security problems are raised regarding LNG Terminal proposed in Cochin;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government of Kerala has taken up this matter with Centre for Expediting the LNG Terminal solving the Defence objections;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the present status of the project and the further steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (d): No, Sir. Petronet LNG Limited (PLL), the company responsible for setting up of LNG terminal at Cochin, has informed that no security problems have been raised regarding LNG terminal proposed in Cochin.References have been received from Government of Kerala from time to time for expediting commissioning of Kochi LNG terminal.

(e) All pre-project activities have been completed. The draft of concession agreement between PLL and Cochin Port Trust (CPT) has been frozen. The approval for Co-developer status for the SEZ alongwith CPT has also been obtained.For meeting LNG requirement of Kochi Terminal, PLL is in discussion with an Australian supplier for supply of 2.5 MMTPA LNG on long term basis from Gorgon project.